



CANDIDATE'S HANDBOOK

for

OPERATOR
BRANCH 2

STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD

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CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE EXAMINATION

Prior to receiving an operator's license in the State of California, candidates are required to successfully pass a written examination. The primary purpose of the examination is to assess the candidate's ability to apply knowledge of pesticide equipment, pesticide mixing and formulation, pesticide application procedures, and pesticide label directions to the practice of pest control. Candidates should know California's safety laws as well as other laws and regulations related to pest control.

DESCRIPTION OF PRACTICE

Section 8506 of the Business and Professions Code describes the operator as:

"... any individual licensed by the board to practice structural pest control."

Section 8560 of the Business and Professions Code describes Branch 2 as:

"The practice relating to the control of household pests, excluding fumigation with poisonous or lethal gases."

CHAPTER 2. APPLICATION PROCESS

APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Applicant's whose application is deemed complete will be notified of the date, time and location for the examination approximately one week prior to the scheduled examination.

ABANDONMENT OF APPLICATION

The Department considers an application abandoned if a candidate fails to participate in the examination process within 6 months of eligibility in accordance with Title 16, Section 1941, of the California Code of Regulations. In the event of abandonment, a candidate must submit a new application with the required fee, and meet all requirements at the time of filing. Fees submitted at the time of application are not reimbursed when an application is abandoned.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

All examination locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. In addition, the Department grants requests for special accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. In order to receive consideration, all requests and substantiating documentation must be submitted 30 days prior to the examination.

CHAPTER 3. PREPARATION FOR THE EXAMINATION

OVERVIEW

The operator examination consists of 200 multiple-choice items from major job duty areas. The examination is developed and maintained by the Department of Consumer Affairs, Office of Examination Resources (OER). OER staff work with practitioners who provide technical expertise in the development of the examination.

DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR DUTY AREAS

The operator examination is divided into nine major areas that define the scope of knowledge necessary for safe practice. Each of the major content areas, weighted on the examination in terms of its importance in practice, is described below.

▪ Structure Inspection and Pest Location	9%
▪ Pest Identification	8%
▪ Treatment Method Determination	11%
▪ Site Preparation and Treatment Application	18%
▪ Maintenance of Treatment Effectiveness	12%
▪ Safety Procedures for Handling Pesticides and Materials	18%
▪ Regulations and Reporting	7%
▪ Maintenance of Pesticide Storage Facility	11%
▪ Pesticide and Pesticide Equipment Selection	6%

CONTENT AREAS
1. STRUCTURE INSPECTION AND PEST LOCATION: This area assesses the candidate's knowledge of signs of pest infestations, conditions conducive to pest entry, harborage and activity, methods for identifying infestations.
2. PEST IDENTIFICATION: This area assesses the candidate's knowledge of distinguishing characteristics of structural pests and various techniques for determining their identity.
3. TREATMENT METHOD DETERMINATION: This area assesses the candidate's knowledge of pesticides, types of treatment methods, and factors affecting the suitability of treatment methods.
4. SITE PREPARATION AND TREATMENT APPLICATION: This area assesses the candidate's knowledge of treatment application area requirements, hazards, and various treatment application methods and procedures.
5. MAINTENANCE OF TREATMENT EFFECTIVENESS: This area assesses the candidate's knowledge of methods for maintaining consistent levels of pest control, post treatment inspection methods, and follow-up treatments.
6. SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING PESTICIDES AND MATERIALS: This area assesses the candidate's knowledge of methods, laws, and regulations for the safe use of pesticides, pest control materials and equipment, and pesticide dangers to consumers.
7. REGULATIONS AND REPORTING: This area assesses the candidate's knowledge of laws and regulations regarding the recordkeeping and reporting of pesticide usage to consumers and government agencies, and reporting of business operation changes to the Structural pest Control Board.
8. MAINTENANCE OF PESTICIDE STORAGE FACILITY: This area assesses the candidate's knowledge of pesticide laws and regulations, pesticide label instructions for safe storage, and utilization of pesticides.
9. PESTICIDE AND PESTICIDE EQUIPMENT SELECTION: This area assesses the candidate's knowledge of methods for evaluating new product information to identify and select pesticides and treatment application equipment that meets work needs and safety requirements.

EXAMINATION OUTLINE

The examination outline specifies the content of the examination by identifying the knowledge required to demonstrate minimum competence for new practitioners in each of the major duty areas. Examination items will be based on the relevant statutes and provisions of the Structural Pest Control Act, Business and Professions Code, California Code of Regulations, and California Food and Agriculture Code. A current and complete Reference List can be obtained by contacting the Structural Pest Control Board, at 1418 Howe Ave., Suite 18, Sacramento, CA 95825 or calling the Licensing Unit at (916) 561-8704.

THE OUTLINE BELOW AND ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES PROVIDES AS A GUIDE TO STUDYING THESE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

Content Area I: STRUCTURE INSPECTION AND PEST LOCATION - 9%

Summary of Activities: This area assesses the candidate's knowledge of signs of pest infestations, conditions conducive to pest entry, harborage and activity, methods for identifying infestations.	
Job Tasks	Associated Knowledge
T1 Perform visual inspection of structure to locate pests or signs of pest activity using information gathered from consumer.	K1 Knowledge of sanitation practices that invite pest entry and infestation.
T2 Perform visual inspection of structure interior to identify pest food sources.	K2 Knowledge of interior and exterior storage practices that invite pest harborage.
T3 Determine pest source of entry or nesting site by inspecting locations typically associated with target pest.	K3 Knowledge of typical harborage areas for structural pests in different life cycle stages.
T4 Perform visual inspection of structure interior to identify conditions that invite pest harborage and pest entry.	K4 Knowledge of vegetation and associated moisture conditions that invite pest harborage.
T5 Perform visual inspection of structure exterior to identify conditions that invite pest harborage and pest entry.	K5 Knowledge of exterior objects located near structures that invite pest harborage.
T6 Evaluate pet care practices and pet activity patterns to identify conditions that invite pest harborage and pest entry.	K6 Knowledge of structural deficiencies and construction practices that invite pest entry and harborage.
	K7 Knowledge of structural pest biology related to nesting and burrowing in or near structures.
	K8 Knowledge of pest activity and structure conditions consistent with pest infestation.
	K9 Knowledge of structural pest dietary staples and preferences.

Content Area I: STRUCTURE INSPECTION AND PEST LOCATION - 9%
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Job Tasks		Associated Knowledge	
T8	Evaluate signs of pest activity to determine if pest problem exists.	K10	Knowledge of pet care practices and pet activity patterns that increase likelihood of pest entry and harborage.
		K11	Knowledge of the effect of temperature and humidity on pest activity.
		K12	Knowledge of procedures for placement of monitoring devices in residential and commercial sites.

Content Area II: PEST IDENTIFICATION – 8%

Summary of Activities: This area assesses the candidate's knowledge of distinguishing characteristics of structural pests and various techniques for determining their identity.			
Job Tasks		Associated Knowledge	
T9	Identify pest features (e.g., legs, antennae, hairs, and markings) by viewing pest under magnification to distinguish between families.	K13	Knowledge of identification of structural pest signs and droppings.
		K14	Knowledge of anatomy and distinguishing features of life cycle stages of structural pests.
T11	Identify species of stored product pest by evaluation of pest behavior, signs, and site found.	K15	Knowledge of distinguishing features of structural pest families.
		K16	Knowledge of distinguishing features of structural pest species.
T12	Identify species of fabric pest by evaluation of pest behavior, signs, and site found.	K17	Knowledge of structural pest habits and activity patterns.
T13	Examine characteristics of pest droppings (e.g., size, shape, color, amount) to identify species.	K18	Knowledge of diseases carried by structural pests and modes of transmission from pests to humans.
T14	Examine characteristics of rodent droppings (e.g., color, dryness) to identify if rodent activity is recent.	K19	Knowledge of procedures for collection of pest samples.
T15	Inform consumer of health risks from exposure to, or infestation of, target pest.		
T16	Instruct consumer on procedures for collecting sample of target pest.		

Content Area III: TREATMENT METHOD DETERMINATION – 11%

Summary of Activities: This area assesses the candidate's knowledge of pesticides, types of treatment methods, and factors affecting the suitability of treatment methods.			
Subarea - A. TREATMENT OPTIONS – 4%			
Job Tasks		Associated Knowledge	
T18	Explain to consumer toxicity of different treatment options and time span required for reduction of pest activity.	K20	Knowledge of chemical families of pesticides used for structural pest control.
T19	Explain to consumer treatment options compatible with specific occupant conditions or concerns (e.g., health, age, pets, wildlife, etc.).	K22	Knowledge of level of toxicity to humans of chemical families used for structural pest control.
		K23	Knowledge of occupant conditions (e.g., age, health) with potential for increased risk of sensitivity to pesticides.
T20	Explain to consumer potential for noticeable residue and/or odor associated with application of pesticides.	K24	Knowledge of treatment methods for avoiding pesticide exposure to beneficial pests and wildlife.
		K31	Knowledge of residues associated with different pesticide formulations on different surfaces.
		K32	Knowledge of the effects of temperature, rate of dilution, and ventilation on pesticide odor.
Subarea - B. TREATMENT SPECIFICATIONS – 7%			
Job Tasks		Associated Knowledge	
T21	Determine application method by evaluation of target pest location, activity patterns, and level of infestation.	K21	Knowledge of mode of action on pests of chemicals used for structural pest control.
T22	Determine if mechanical treatment methods (e.g., baits, traps, glue boards) can be used by evaluating target pest activity patterns, occupant activity patterns, and product label restrictions.	K26	Knowledge of conditions indicating range of pest activity and level of infestation in monitoring traps.
		K27	Knowledge of pesticide application methods suitable for different treatment locations.
T23	Determine pesticide formulation by evaluation of target pest and structure surface (e.g., texture, type, moisture, temperature), and ventilation or wind conditions of treatment area.	K28	Knowledge of pesticide formulations suitable for different surfaces and different pests.
		K29	Knowledge of pesticide application methods suitable for different pest activity patterns and infestation levels.
T24	Determine rate of application and pesticide dilution ratio by evaluating label information and square footage or cubic footage of area to be treated.	K30	Knowledge of procedures for determining rate of application and pesticide dilution ratio.
T25	Determine frequency of treatment (one-time or periodic) based on label information, level of infestation, and consumer preference.		

Content Area IV: SITE PREPARATION AND TREATMENT APPLICATION – 18%

Summary of Activities: This area assesses the candidate's knowledge of treatment application area requirements, hazards, and various treatment application methods and procedures.

Subarea - A. PRETREATMENT PREPARATION – 9%

Job Tasks		Associated Knowledge	
T26	Provide consumer/occupant with written procedures to prepare defined area for treatment.	K33	Knowledge of requirements for area preparation for different treatment applications.
T27	Perform visual inspection of treatment area to identify objects/areas that could be damaged or become health or fire hazards if treated with pesticides.	K42	Knowledge of interior and exterior objects/areas subject to potential property damage, health, and/or fire hazards from pesticide application.
T28	Identify structural conditions (e.g., location of air conditioner, protruding nails) that could cause injury to self during treatment application.	K34	Knowledge of objects or conditions in or around structures that could be hazardous to operators during pesticide application.
T29	Select alternative application method based on temperature, humidity, and/or wind conditions.	K37	Knowledge of effects of wind conditions on performance of pesticide application equipment.
T30	Verify that label on service container corresponds to pesticide inside container.	K38	Knowledge of procedures for mixing pesticides consistent with label restrictions.
T31	Select and use personal protective equipment in compliance with pesticide label instructions to prevent exposure to pesticides and materials.	K40	Knowledge of types of, and procedures for, use of personal protective equipment.

Subarea - B. TREATMENT APPLICATION – 9%

Job Tasks		Associated Knowledge	
T32	Set traps or glue boards according to manufacturer's instructions in areas of expected rodent activity to control rodents.	K36	Knowledge of procedures for bait station and trap placement in residential and commercial sites.
T33	Apply bait by distributing into cracks and crevices with gel gun or syringe or by placement of bait stations.	K35	Knowledge of application of pesticide label information to select pesticides for spot treatment.
T34	Spread granules with broadcaster around exterior of structure or on lawns to treat pests in vegetation areas or during wet season.	K41	Knowledge of types of, and procedures for, use of pesticide application equipment.
T35	Inject pesticide into wall voids with duster or by drilling holes and spraying with space sprayer.	K39	Knowledge of procedures for application of pesticides around vegetable gardens and other plants.
T36	Apply pesticide in cracks and crevices with crack and crevice injection equipment or hand sprayer.		

Content Area IV: SITE PREPARATION AND TREATMENT APPLICATION – 18%
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Job Tasks		Associated Knowledge
T37	Apply pesticide around doorframes, thresholds, and baseboards with crack and crevice injection equipment or hand sprayer.	
T38	Apply liquid with compressed air hand sprayer or space sprayer to treat pests in carpeted areas.	
T39	Apply pesticide with power sprayer to exterior to control active pest infestation.	

Content Area V: MAINTENANCE OF TREATMENT EFFECTIVENESS – 12%

Summary of Activities: This area assesses the candidate's knowledge of methods for maintaining consistent levels of pest control, post treatment inspection methods, and follow-up treatments.			
Subarea - A. CONSUMER MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES – 7%			
Job Tasks		Associated Knowledge	
T40	Inform consumer of procedures to be followed after treatment to maintain treatment effectiveness.	K43	Knowledge of consumer actions that reduce effectiveness of pesticide treatment.
T41	Inform consumer of time span required for reduction of pest activity.	K44	Knowledge of sanitation conditions that reduce effectiveness of pesticide treatment.
T42	Inform consumer of expected residual of treatment.	K46	Knowledge of moisture and temperature conditions that reduce effectiveness of pesticide treatment.
T43	Inform consumer of pest activity requiring notification to company.	K47	Knowledge of time span required for pest control using different treatment methods.
T47	Identify and inform consumer of structure points that should be repaired to exclude pests.	K48	Knowledge of pesticide residual associated with different treatment methods.
		K49	Knowledge of pest activity expected in response to different treatments.
		K53	Knowledge of methods for identifying structural pest entry points into structures.

Content Area V: MAINTENANCE OF TREATMENT EFFECTIVENESS – 12%
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Subarea - B. FOLLOW-UP TREATMENT – 5%			
Job Tasks		Associated Knowledge	
T44	Examine bait stations and traps periodically to determine effectiveness of bait and placement locations.	K45	Knowledge of pest harborage debris (e.g., egg casings, fecal matter, nesting material) that could cause re-infestation or other pest problems.
T45	Perform visual inspection of structure for pest activity to determine need for follow-up treatment.	K50	Knowledge of frequency required for monitoring bait stations and traps.
T46	Determine site(s) for follow-up treatment by gathering information from consumer about remaining pest activity.	K51	Knowledge of conditions indicating ineffective bait and trap placement.
T49	Apply periodic exterior pesticide treatment to provide barrier against pest entry into interior.	K52	Knowledge of methods and procedures for performing follow-up pesticide treatments.
		K55	Knowledge of pesticides and formulations suitable for exterior barrier treatment.

Content Area VI: SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING PESTICIDES AND MATERIALS - 18%

Summary of Activities: This area assesses the candidate's knowledge of methods, laws, and regulations for the safe use of pesticides, pest control materials and equipment, and pesticide dangers to consumers.

Subarea - A. STORAGE, HANDLING, AND TRANSPORTATION – 8%			
Job Tasks		Associated Knowledge	
T50	Implement safety procedures for handling pesticides and materials to prevent and contain pesticide spills.	K59	Knowledge of procedures for containing spilled liquid pesticides.
T52	Identify symptoms of overexposure to pesticides in humans and animals.	K60	Knowledge of symptoms of oral, dermal, and respiratory overexposure to applied pesticides and materials.
T54	Perform visual inspection of service vehicle to ensure pesticide container lids are secure, pesticide labels are readable, and storage area is locked.	K61	Knowledge of laws and regulations related to reporting pesticide spills.
T55	Perform visual inspection of service vehicle to ensure change of clothing and soap and towels are present, and name of emergency medical facility is posted.	K62	Knowledge of procedures for disposal of absorbent material used to soak up pesticide spills.
		K63	Knowledge of procedures for containing and removing spilled dry materials.
		K64	Knowledge of procedures for prevention of pesticide spills.

Content Area VI: SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING PESTICIDES AND MATERIALS - 18%
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Job Tasks		Associated Knowledge	
T60	Dispose of empty pesticide containers according to manufacturer's specifications and county regulations to prevent contamination of ground water and nontarget exposure to pesticides.	K65	Knowledge of reference sources for first-aid procedures for overexposure of pesticides to humans or animals.
		K66	Knowledge of procedures for disposal of used pesticide containers.
		K68	Knowledge of laws and regulations related to storage, disposal, and transportation of pesticides.
Subarea - B. SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION – 4%			
Job Tasks		Associated Knowledge	
T51	Clean and maintain application and personal protective equipment as required by manufacturer's instructions.	K57	Knowledge of procedures for cleaning and maintenance of application and personal protective equipment.
T53	Perform visual inspection of service vehicle to ensure application and personal protective equipment is present and stored according to manufacturer's recommendations.	K58	Knowledge of procedures for preventing malfunction of application and personal protective equipment.
Subarea - C. CONSUMER NOTIFICATION – 6%			
Job Tasks		Associated Knowledge	
T56	Provide consumer with written documentation of procedures to be followed before and after treatment to reduce likelihood of nontarget exposure to pesticides.	K56	Knowledge of application of safety precautions on pesticide labels to prevent overexposure of pesticides to self and others.
T57	Provide consumer with written documentation of product name, active ingredient, application site, and quantity applied for consumer protection.	K67	Knowledge of laws and regulations related to consumer notification of pesticide application.
T58	Provide consumer with pesticide information notice to ensure consumers are informed of potential adverse reactions to pesticides and agencies to contact.		
T59	Determine consumer re-entry time after pesticide application by evaluating product label information and time treatment applied.		

Content Area VII: REGULATIONS AND REPORTING - 7%

Summary of Activities: This area assesses the candidate's knowledge of laws and regulations regarding the recordkeeping and reporting of pesticide usage to consumers and government agencies, and reporting of business operation changes to the Structural Pest Control Board.

Job Tasks		Associated Knowledge	
T61	Maintain daily work records from field representatives and applicators indicating pesticide application site, pest treated, pesticide or material used, and amount of pesticide used.	K69	Knowledge of methods for converting diluted amounts of pesticides used in field to determine total amount of pesticide used.
T62	Prepare monthly use report for county agriculture department summarizing list of pesticides used, total amount of each pesticide applied, and number of applications.	K70	Knowledge of laws and regulations related to reporting of pesticide usage.
T63	Prepare annual notice of intent to apply pesticides with counties in which business is expected.	K71	Knowledge of laws and regulations related to pest control business operations.
T64	Inform Structural Pest Control Board of changes related to business operations (e.g., name or address changes, new qualifying manager, etc.)	K72	Knowledge of health and safety laws and regulations related to hazardous materials.
T65	Prepare annual hazardous material plan to assist local agencies in case of emergency.	K73	Knowledge of food and agricultural laws and regulations related to structural pest control.

Content Area VIII: MAINTENANCE OF PESTICIDE STORAGE FACILITY – 11%

Summary of Activities: This area assesses the candidate's knowledge of pesticide laws and regulations, pesticide label instructions for safe storage, and utilization of pesticides.

Subarea - A. FACILITY MANAGEMENT – 8%

Job Tasks		Associated Knowledge	
T66	Perform manual inspection of containers in storage facility to verify lids are secure to prevent accidental spillage.	K74	Knowledge of laws and regulations related to handling, use, and storage of pesticides.
T67	Perform visual inspection of storage facility to verify that types of pesticides and material are stored in compliance with pesticide label instructions.		
T68	Perform manual inspection of locks on pesticide storage facility to prevent illegal and unauthorized entry.		

Content Area VIII: MAINTENANCE OF PESTICIDE STORAGE FACILITY – 11%
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T69	Perform visual inspection of ventilation system in storage area to verify compliance with fire department requirements.		
T70	Verify that warning sign, inventory of stored pesticides, and facility evacuation plan is posted.		
T71	Maintain fire alarm and fire extinguishers as required by manufacturer's instructions and regulations.		
Subarea - B. PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT – 3%			
Job Tasks		Associated Knowledge	
T72	Transfer pesticides with degraded labels to alternative labeled containers of the same pesticide.	K75	Knowledge of effects of shelf life on potency of pesticides and materials.
T74	Notify field representatives and applicators regarding length of time allowed to deplete supply of banned pesticides and materials.	K77	Knowledge of application of pesticide label instructions to pesticide storage.
T75	Rotate location of pesticides and materials based on shelf life to maintain potency of pesticides.		

Content Area IX: PESTICIDE AND PESTICIDE EQUIPMENT SELECTION - 6%

Summary of Activities: This area assesses the candidate's knowledge of methods for evaluating new product information to identify and select pesticides and treatment application equipment that meets work needs and safety requirements.

Job Tasks		Associated Knowledge	
T76	Select new pesticides, materials, and control devices by evaluation of safety, toxicity, effectiveness, technical support, and cost.	K78	Knowledge of application of safety, ease of use, and efficacy data to select pesticides, materials, and control devices that meet current requirements.
T77	Select new pesticide application equipment by evaluation of safety, effectiveness, technical support, and cost.	K79	Knowledge of application of safety, ease of use, and efficacy data to select personal protective equipment that meets current requirements.
T78	Select new personal protective equipment by evaluation of safety, effectiveness, and cost.	K80	Knowledge of application of safety, ease of use, and efficacy data to select application equipment that meets current requirements.
T79	Identify alternative products to replace ineffective products by evaluation of new product literature.		

CHAPTER 4. DAY OF THE EXAMINATION

REQUISITE MATERIALS FOR ADMITTANCE

Candidates must report to the registration area at the time and date specified on the Structural Pest Control Board Operator Examination Admission Card for the examination. The proctors will collect the Operator Examination Admission Card and ask to see official government issued identification with photograph. Candidates who do not bring government issued identification with photograph will **NOT** be allowed to participate in the examination.

TIME LIMITS

Candidates are given three hours to complete the examination.

EXAMINATION SECURITY

Candidates should be prepared to place cellular telephones, pagers, handbags, briefcases, and other large personal belongings away from the examination table. The proctors will provide instructions regarding registration, seat assignments, completion of examination materials, and other steps in the examination process.

An applicant who gives or receives unauthorized assistance during an examination shall be dismissed from the examination and his/her markings or results shall be void and such applicant's examination fee shall be forfeited.

Section 123 of the Business and Professions Code prohibits persons who sit for the examination from engaging in any conduct that subverts or attempts to subvert any licensing examination or the administration of a licensing examination. Such conduct includes but is not limited to obstructing the standardized administration of the examination, removal of examination materials from the examination room, communicating examination information to another person, copying answers from another person, using unauthorized books, equipment, notes, or other printed materials during the examination, and permitting an impersonator to take the examination (for full text of Section 123, see appendix A). Violation of Section 123 will result in disqualification from the examination and possible denial of a license.

CHAPTER 5. NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

PASSING SCORE

Section 8560 of the Business & Professions Code sets the passing score at 70 percent.

RELEASE OF RESULTS

The Board will notify candidates of examination results within 2 weeks of the scheduled examination date.

Examination results will not be released by telephone.

RE-APPLICATION PROCESS

If a candidate fails the examination, he or she may submit a new application with the required fee by the final filing date.

APPENDIX A. BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

SECTION 123

It is a misdemeanor for any person to engage in any conduct, which subverts or attempts to subvert any licensing examination or the administration of an examination, including, but not limited to:

(a) Conduct which violates the security of the examination materials; removing from the examination room any examination materials without authorization; the unauthorized reproduction by any means of any portion of the actual licensing examination; aiding by any means the unauthorized reproduction of any portion of the actual licensing examination; paying or using professional or paid examination-takers for the purpose of reconstructing any portion of the licensing examination; obtaining examination questions or other examination material, except by specific authorization either before, during, or after an examination; or using or purporting to use any examination questions or materials which were improperly removed or taken from any examination for the purpose of instructing or preparing any applicant for examination; or selling, distributing, buying, receiving, or having unauthorized possession of any portion of a future, current, or previously administered licensing examination.

(b) Communicating with any other candidate during the administration of a licensing examination; copying answers from another examinee or permitting one's answers to be copied by another examinee; having in one's possession during the administration of the licensing examination any books, equipment, notes, written or printed materials, or data of any kind, other than the examination materials distributed, or otherwise authorized to be in one's possession during the examination; or impersonating any examinee or having an impersonator take the licensing examination on one's behalf.

Nothing in this section shall preclude prosecution under the authority provided for in any other provision of law.

In addition to any other penalties, a person found guilty of violating this section, shall be liable for the actual damages sustained by the agency administering the examination not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and the costs of litigation.

(c) If any provision of this section or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the section that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this section are several.